

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

PATRICK BERGSRUD

Defendant.

## UNOPPOSED MOTION TO CONTINUE SENTENCING

The parties respectfully request this Honorable Court to continue the Sentencing Hearing until at least May 11, 2015 to allow time for the defendant to complete his cooperation in the main HOA case set to go to trial on February 23, 2015.

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1 Pursuant to General Order No. 2007-04, this Stipulation is entered into for the following  
2 reasons:

3 1. The defendant has entered a plea agreement with the United States that requires the  
4 defendant to cooperate with the United States in connection with its ongoing investigation of a  
5 fraudulent scheme involving Las Vegas Home Owners Associations. The defendant has begun to  
6 cooperate with the United States in this investigation, which involves a number of potential co-  
7 conspirators and targets.

8 2. The defendant's Plea Agreement affords the defendant potential consideration for  
9 downward departures at the time of sentencing if the defendant has provided substantial  
10 assistance to the United States, including the possibility of a United States Sentencing Guideline  
11 (U.S.S.G.) § 5K1.1 Motion.

12 3. The United States anticipates future pleas, indictments and the possibility of one or  
13 more trials of co-conspirators and targets. These events may allow the defendant the opportunity  
14 to provide further cooperation as a witness, including the possibility of testifying at trial.  
15 Specifically, trial is set for February 23, 2015 for six co-defendants in *United States v. Benzer et*  
16 *al.*, Case No. 2:13-cr-00018-JCM-GWF (Doc. No. 96.).

17 4. Counsel for the United States has spoken with counsel for the defendant and counsel  
18 has agreed that the requested continuance is in the best interest of justice, and counsel does not  
19 oppose the continuance sought herein. The defendant is not in custody.

20 5. Denial of this request for continuance would deny the parties sufficient time and  
21 opportunity to develop the defendant's cooperation against the related co-conspirators and  
22 targets and prepare related cases for prosecution.

23 6. Furthermore, denial of this request for continuance could result in a miscarriage of  
24 justice.  
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DATED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September 2014.

JEFFREY H. KNOX  
Chief, U.S. Department of Justice  
Fraud Section, Criminal Division

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**PROPOSED ORDER**

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

Based on the Government’s pending Unopposed Motion to Continue Sentencing, and good cause appearing therefore, the Court hereby finds that:

1. The parties are in agreement to continue the Sentencing date as presently scheduled.
2. This Court is convinced that an adequate showing has been made that to deny this request for continuance, taking into account the exercise of due diligence, would deny the United States sufficient time to be able to effectively prepare for the co-conspirator and target trials and would bar the defendant from the opportunity to cooperate and potentially receive downward departures at the time of sentencing. This decision is based on the following findings:
  - a. The defendant agreed in his plea agreements to cooperate against his coconspirators in any related indictments and trials.
  - b. The United States agreed to consider downward sentencing concessions for the defendant’s cooperation, including possible U.S.S.G. 5K1.1 Motions if substantial assistance resulted from such cooperation.

c. The United States anticipates several additional pleas, indictments and trials in related cases. Specifically, the defendant may be called to testify in *United States v. Benzer et al.*, Case No. 2:13-cr-00018-JCM-GWF, set for trial February 23, 2015.

d. The parties need additional time to prepare the defendant's cooperation against other co-conspirators and targets.

e. The defendant does not object to the continuance.

f. The defendant is out of custody.

3. For all the above-stated reasons, the ends of justice would best be served by continuing the Sentencing date.

4. The additional time requested by this Stipulation is excludable in computing the time within which the trial herein must commence pursuant to the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. Section 3161(h)(8)(A), considering the factors under 18 U.S.C. Sections 3161(h)(8)(B)(I) and (v).

### **ORDER**

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that the Sentencing date currently set for calendar call January 20, 2015, is vacated and is continued. This delay is excluded from the time within which the trial must commence pursuant to the Speedy Trial Act, Title 18, United States Code, Section 3161(h)(7)(A). **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that calendar call to determine order of sentencing is scheduled for May 18, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. in courtroom 6A.

**DATED** October 1, 2014.

  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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13 I, the undersigned, hereby certify that this pleading was filed with the clerk of court via  
14 ECF and will be served electronically via ECF on all parties that have entered their appearances  
15 in this case.

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17 Dated: September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014

18 JEFFREY H. KNOX  
19 Chief, U.S. Department of Justice  
20 Fraud Section, Criminal Division

21 /s/ Thomas B.W. Hall  
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23 Trial Attorney, U.S. Dept. of Justice  
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